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The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held a Public Hearing on September 6, 2018 at 7:00pm. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott; Councilmembers Kelley Williams, Brian Chittenden, Bill Schneider, and Tom Burrall; Highway Superintendent Charles Stiffler; and Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli.

Supervisor Knott opened the meeting at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence in memory of former Town Clerk Elmira Orr.

A motion to approve the previous minutes was made by Brian Chittenden, seconded by Kelley Williams, and approved by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve the bills as presented was made by Tom Burrall, seconded by Kelley Williams and approved by unanimous vote.

Correspondence

- A letter from NYS Ag & Markets notifying the Town that the Dog Officer had passed a recent inspection;
- A letter from the Columbia County Planning Board approving the wording of the proposed Zoning Law amendment regarding SEQRA;
- Letter from Kinderhook Memorial Library transmitting petitions for the 414 Resolution for funding increase to be included on the ballot in the 2018 General Election. A motion to accept the petitions and Resolution and direct the Town Clerk to forward to the Columbia County Board of Elections was made by Brian Chittenden. The motion was seconded by Tom Burrall and was passed by unanimous vote.

Old Business

Amtrak Fencing – Supervisor Knott reported that he had met with Amtrak, Dept. of State, Commissioners of the Stuyvesant Fire District, and the Chief of the Stuyvesant Fire Company regarding the fencing project at Stuyvesant Landing. Amtrak is working to accommodate the concerns of the Fire District and Company. There are still problems in Germantown and a letter from all affected Towns will be sent to the Dept. of State requesting that the public comment period be held open until all of the public information meetings have been held. Another public information meeting is being scheduled for October.

Ferry Road / Postal Service – Supervisor Knott spoke with Bill Hollister (Amtrak) and they would like to pave the crossing next week and have requested assistance from the Highway Department. Superintendent Charles Stiffler will contact them to schedule.

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Reports

Town Clerk – Town Clerk report is on file. Melissa Naegeli reported that the Ken Hummel Race was a success and earned a profit of \$423. She proposed to the Board to fund 2 Scholarships at ICC for \$200 each and to use the remaining \$23 toward any outstanding bills. A motion was made by Ron Knott to establish 2 \$200 Scholarships at ICC in memory of Ken Hummel. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote.

Recreation Committee – Kelley Williams reported that 26 children had attended the Town of Kinderhook Summer Program. Chuck Stiffler presented two coating estimates for the basketball courts at the Stuyvesant Landing and Stuyvesant Falls playgrounds. The lower of the quotes was from Van De Wal Coating for \$2068. The other quote was from Valley Sealing and was a range in price from \$2700 - \$4400. A motion was made by Brian Chittenden to accept the lower quote and higher Van De Wal Coating to complete the work on the basketball courts. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote. Supervisor Knott will contact them to schedule the work.

Railroad Station Committee – Supervisor Knott reported that he had reached an agreement with Jeff Pinkowski to complete the painting at the Railroad Station; the outhouse and new wood on the roof line are included at a cost of \$2800. He asked Lee Jamison to talk to the Stuyvesant Pathways Board to share the cost. A motion to hire the painter was made by Bill Schneider. The motion was seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote.

Emergency Management Council – Christian Sweningson reported that:

- The TCI Letter remains on their agenda waiting for a meeting date with Rob Lopez from the Columbia County Emergency Management Office;
- Septage on farmlands (outhouse waste) is being investigated;
- Climate Smart Committees in various Towns are making progress and getting grants for projects;
- No recent sightings of harmful algae bloom in Columbia County;
- Working on recycling ideas and ways to get the word out to the public.

Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli shared a letter she received from the Col. Co. Dept. of Solid Waste outlining new recycling rules. The listing will be posted on the bulletin board.

Dog Control Officer – One call during August, report is on file.

Kinderhook Memorial Library – Lee Jamison reported that a Book Sale will be held on Saturday, September 15th at St. Paul's Church. There will be a "Friends of the Library" pre-sale on Friday, September 14th. The petitions supporting the 414 Resolution have been delivered to the Town Clerk.

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Office for the Aging – Supervisor Knott reminded everyone that there will be a “Senior Day” event at the Stuyvesant Falls VFW on September 13th with a picnic, vendors, and presenters of information, the event is open to all seniors and is free.

Supervisor Knott asked Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli to prepare a voucher for the Office for the Aging per the 2018 Budget expenditure of \$2500.

Highway Dept -- Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported

- They helped the Towns of Stockport and Ghent on projects;
- Completed clean up after the storm on lower Schoolhouse Road. He has sent the information to FEMA for reimbursement and has been notified that the County met the standard;
- He learned that salt prices are projected to increase by at least 20%;
- The Department cleaned up the salt shed at the garage, sealed the blacktop, and refilled the shed;
- He is working on the CHiPs request for the paving projects; and
- Trash Day is October 13th 8-4, tickets will be available on September 15th. There are some new rules and procedures in place and flyers will be given with each ticket.

Assessor’s Office – Cathy Knott reported that data collectors are out and have started this week. They will be taking pictures and measurements. When that is completed, residents will get a letter outlining the findings and they will be able to verify with the Assessor’s Office. After the verification process, the reassessments will be completed. The Collectors will have ID Badges. Supervisor Knott explained that while people are worried about their taxes going up, re-evaluation is simply to level the playing field among the Town and does not always equate to a tax increase.

Planning/Zoning Boards – Supervisor Knott reported that it has been quiet for both Boards. He added that there are some applications coming before the Planning Board for event facilities.

Historian – Deputy Historian Cathy Knott asked if the glass display case in the meeting room could be cleaned off and kept clear of papers. Melissa will look into purchasing another table for a permanent literature display.

Cemetery – Melissa Naegeli reported that she had received a call from the family of someone in Firwood Cemetery with concerns about a hole near their grave site. Tom Burrall will speak with Ed Scott about repairing.

ZEO/Building Inspector – Report on file.

Town Hall – Bill Schneider reported that BAS had been in and they

- Completed the network upgrade;

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- Installed Wi-Fi – both secure and public. The password for the public Wi-Fi is “vistors”;
- Installed the new computers in the Assessor and Building Inspector Offices;
- Cleaned and organized the mechanical closet; and
- Installed a security camera at the back door facing the parking lot.

During additional conversation regarding the security camera, Councilman Schneider commented that anyone working in the building, particularly at night, should have access to the camera. Supervisor Knott reported that he had met with S & F Security who had presented a proposal for \$10,000 that would include 4 cameras, 30 day on-site recording, with access by our cell phones. Councilman Schneider commented that the project should be considered in the 2019 Budget conversations.

Supervisor Knott reported that the generator had been delivered but had not been installed yet.

County Government

2019 Budget -- Supervisor Knott reported that the 2019 Budget process had begun.

Fire Training Center – The Zoning Board in the Town of Ghent has approved the project. The committee is working on information needed for the \$1M grant awarded by Senator Marchionne.

Commerce Park Sewer Project – Supervisor Knott reported that it looks like the County will be awarded a \$1.5M Grant from the State toward the \$8M project.

Round-a-bout – Supervisor Knott is working with the County Sign Dept. to make a new “Welcome to Columbia County” sign to be installed at the round-a-bout.

Columbia County Planning Board – Supervisor Knott explained to the Board that our representative to the Board is Cheryl Gilbert and she also represents the Towns of Kinderhook and Chatham. Her term is up for reappointment and the Supervisors of the three towns have agreed to reappoint Ms. Gilbert.

New Business

Speed Limit in Stuyvesant Falls – Supervisor Knott reported that Dean Knox from the County had received the signed paperwork from Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli and filed the request for a Hamlet speed limit to be established with NYS.

Health Insurance – Supervisor Knott reported that he had been notified of a potential 4.6% increase in cost. He asked Councilwoman Williams to look over the proposals as they are received.

Liability Insurance – Supervisor Knott reported that he is getting quotes for Liability Insurance.

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Zoning Law Amendment – Supervisor Knott reminded everyone that the wording change had been approved by the County regarding the SEQRA process. A motion was made by Kelley Williams to adopt the new wording and make the Zoning Law Amendment to reflect that. The motion was seconded by Tom Burrall and was approved by unanimous vote. Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli will work with Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea to get the paperwork completed and filed with NYS Secretary of State.

Board Comments

Supervisor Knott asked Melissa Naegeli to make contact information sheets for every office in the Town Hall for people to be able to reach BAS with IT questions.

Brian Chittenden reported that he continues to “chase” Spectrum. He spoke with a Field Supervisor with safety concerns about low wires and how things were left in the northern end of Town when they left. The low hanging wires will be re-run underground.

Chuck Stiffler reported that he has a replacement “Stuyvesant” sign for Route 9J. He will contact the NYS DOT to have the sign installed. He also reported that the County DPW will put the same sign at the Town line on County Route 21.

Public Comments

There were comments or questions from the audience.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Chittenden, seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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Vouchers presented at the September 2018 meeting for approval:

<i>September 2018</i>				LIGHTS	
<u>CLAIM #</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>A/C#</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>LND/FALLS</u>	<u>HIGHWAY</u>
337-18	L. Browe Asphalt Services	1620.4	36,575.00		
338-18	CDPHP Universal Benefits	9060.8	675.74		2,601.59
339-18	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	408.00		
340-18	National Grid	1620.4	21.02		
341--18	National Grid (Railroad Station)	1620.4	22.30		
342--18	National Grid	5132.4	119.23		
343-18	Time Warner Cable (\$571.67)	1620.4	294.56		
		5132.4	277.11		
344-18	Staples, Inc.	1620.4	34.15		
345-18	Cathy Knott (\$169.71)	1620.4	24.32		
		7550.4	145.39		
346-18	Constellation (\$115.24)	1620.4	1.50		
		5132.4	113.74		
347-18	Marlin Business Bank (\$189.87)	1620.4	114.00		
		1410.4	75.87		
348-18	Repeat Business Systems	1410.4	42.28		
349-18	Staples, Inc. (\$249.75)	8010.4	23.28		
		1110.4	13.20		
		1355.4	37.22		
		1410.4	58.38		
		1220.4	45.78		
		5010.4	71.89		
350-18	Johnson Newspaper Corp. (\$61.16)	1010.4	48.50		
		8010.4	12.66		
351-18	Certified Document Security, LLC (\$105.00)	1410.4	35.00		
		1355.4	35.00		
		1110.4	35.00		
352-18	Business Automation Services (\$9094.40)	1220.4	1,000.00		
		1355.4	1,000.00		
		8010.4	500.00		
		8020.4	500.00		
		1620.4	6,094.40		
353-18	E Biz Docs	1110.4	1,652.00		
354-18	Business Automation Services	1110.4	859.00		
355-18	Carrie O'Hare	1110.4	34.99		
356-18	Ronald Knott	7550.4	200.00		

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357-18	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	69.14		
358-18	Rainbow Distributing Co., Inc.	5132.4	26.98		
359-18	Mario's Home Center, Inc.	5132.4	78.94		
360-18	Constellation (\$188.62)	5182.4		90.73	
				97.89	
361--18	National Grid (\$1094.87)	5182.4		534.06	
				560.81	
362-18	Mario's Home Center	5130.4			63.60
363-18	Mooradian Hydraulics	5130.4			419.35
364-18	Charles Stiffler	5130.4			36.47
365-18	Chemung Supply Corp.	5110.4			211.96
366-18	Hodges T-Shirts	5110.4			330.00
367-18	Valley Energy	5110.4			1,876.58
368-18	Share Corporation	5110.4			188.19
369-18	Morton Salt, Inc.	5142.4			3,780.85
370-18	Callanan Industries, Inc.	5142.4			1,893.25
371-18	John Deere Financial	5130.4			99.67
372-18	Roddy Niesen (\$6500)	5110.4			5,000.00
		7110.4	1,500.00		
373-18	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	2,000.00		
374-18	Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchil, CPAs	1320.4	855.00		
375-18	Paychex of New York, LLC	1320.4	240.77		
376-18	SMG	1620.4	233.52		
377-18	Metz Wood Harder	1910.4	2.20		
378-18	Columbia County Treasurer (Sheriff's Dept)		68.25		
379-18	Nassau Country Value	8810.4	48.95		
	9/6/2018		56,324.26	1283.49	16,501.51